

(ii) that, in the innumerable *nischajapatrams* executed among the members of Nayar *tarwads* prior to 1100, these *Kandukrishi* lands had also been partitioned among the branches and thus possession had been transferred from one holder to another; and

(iii) that in Kuttanad, these *Kandukrishi* lands form the chief source of income to several families and that the contention of the *karanavans*, if accepted, would work serious injury to the interests of junior members; and

(d) whether they will consider the seriousness of the issue involved and pronounce their well-considered decision on the question without further delay?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): (a) Yes.

(b) 11.

(c) (i) the Government are not aware.

(ii) Yes.

(iii) The information in the first part of the question is noted. The latter part does not arise in view of the answer to part (c) (i).

(d) The question received the consideration of Government and they have decided that, in the best interests of *Kandukrishi* lands, partition of such holdings cannot be allowed.

The Kanapattom Bill.

60. MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara cum Kārtikapalli*): With reference to the answer to my interpellation asked at the meeting of the Council held on the 28th Karkatakam 1104 about the Kanapattom Bill, will the Government be pleased to state the steps taken by them to promote the progress of the Kanapattom Bill?

MR. KAYALAM PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Additional Head Sirkar Vakil*): The Round Table Conference which was summoned in July 1929 for the purposes of the draft of the Jenmi Kudiyan Bill concluded its meetings on the 31st August 1929. A draft Bill to amend the Jenmi Kudiyan Regulation based on the decisions arrived at the Conference has been prepared and published in the Gazette dated the 14th January 1930 and it has been included in the list of business for the present Council meeting.

Revision of Pay of the Vernacular School Teachers.

61. MR. D. FRANCIS (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(a) whether the increase of pay sanctioned by Government for the teachers of Vernacular Schools has taken effect;

(b) if not, the cause of such great delay;

(c) if the answer to part (a) is in the negative, whether the teachers who retired from service in 1104 will get the increase of pay sanctioned by Government for the period they served since the time the increase was sanctioned; and

(d) whether the teachers, if any, who died during the year 1104, would be considered eligible for the increase due for the period they were serving?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (a) & (b) The increase has been sanctioned with effect from 1-1-1104. But, it has not been possible to work out the details and to give effect to the revision without the help of a special staff appointed for the purpose. A special staff has been sanctioned and is now at work and the revision will be given effect to as early as practicable, the same taking effect from 1-1-1104.

(c) Yes.

(d) Yes.

MR. D. FRANCIS (*Nominated*): With reference to the answer to part (b), may I know how many months it will take for the special staff to finish their work?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Once more please.

MR. D. FRANCIS (*Nominated*): With reference to the answer to part (b), may I know within how many months will the special staff finish their work?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The special staff was sanctioned for five months. Two months are over and it is hoped that the work will be finished within three months.

MR. D. FRANCIS (*Nominated*): When will the increase of pay be given effect to?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): It will take effect from the 1st Chingam 1104.

The Kottayam-Karukachal Road.

62. **MR. V. J. OOMMEN** (*Commerce and Industry, North*): (1) Will the Government be pleased to state:

(a) the approximate length of the Kottayam-Karukachal road;

(b) whether this road is fit for motor traffic;

(c) if the answer to part (b) is in the negative, the length of the portion of the road unfit for motor traffic; and

(d) the number of bridges on the road which are unfit for motor traffic?

(2) Are the Government aware that, if a small portion of the road near Thottakadu is repaired, the road will be fit for even heavy motor traffic?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): (1) (a) 10½ miles.

(b) No.

(c) Except the first three miles the whole road is unfit for motor traffic.